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An exhibit or demonstration was included and is described below:

The claims discussed included: Claim(s) 1 and 12

The art prior art discussed included:

Douglas U.S. Patent No. 5,812,977
Wang U.S. Patent No. 6,505,162 B1

An agreement was was not reached.

It was agreed that the attached claims are allowable.
 It was agreed that the attached amendment would be entered.
 The interview is summarized below.

Claims 1 and 12 were discussed with respect to the references Douglas and Wang. Douglas is directed to a voice-activated system for initiating one of a number of subroutines while Wang is directed to a dialog management system that stores the state of sub-dialogs (subroutines) in base tables. Neither reference discloses or suggests switching between independent applications however. Agreement was reached that amending the claims to clarify that the second subject area is associated with a second independent application would overcome the rejection and that an RCE would need to be filed.

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